

MARCH/APRIL PRAYER

From Dom, Hannah, Jonny, Emily, Becky, Stephen and James

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

When this letter goes out, we'll have been part of Upper Room Cheetham Hill for six weeks, which both feels like quite a long time, but also somehow has



flown by. We're meeting in the upper room of a restaurant for food, worship and teaching. We've been blessed by God's kindness in many ways: people coming along regularly; the provision of a place to meet; gifts of helpful equipment; and his presence with us as we meet. There's still lots more that will need to be worked out, including the question of leadership, but for the moment we are simply encouraged by the knowledge that God is good, and he is with us.

We're all helping with various things in the new church plant. Pray that we'd continue to serve humbly, but that we'd also know our limits! Please also pray for courage, faith, and expectancy for God to move through us.

OTHER RECENT THINGS

Stephen visiting West Africa (where he grew up) with his Dad for the first time in 6 and a half years. He felt particularly blessed by how normal it felt despite having been away so long and the opportunity to gain a deeper perspective on his childhood there!

Becky and **Stephen** being offered jobs! Becky as an English teacher with the council for 3 ½ days per week (allowing more time for Cheetham Hill relationships) and Stephen has got a Manchester based civil engineering position in his area of expertise/enthusiasm. Praise God for his faithfulness – there's been a lot of waiting for both of them!

Dom settling into his new teaching assistant post and getting to enthuse about Shakespeare a lot. He's grateful for lots of openness around faith conversations; please pray for God to work and introduce people to Jesus.

Emily job hunting for next year. Please pray the right position would become available.

How can you join us in prayer?

Church Plant Launch!

We now have a church! Please pray for:

- Praise God for the start of the church plant and for various people who have come along.
- For growth as a community to draw nearer to Jesus and each other
- For continued provision in the practical aspects of Sundays
- That more people would come along!
- That leadership would emerge/ God would provide a leader for the church

Broader requests:

- Shifts in the spiritual atmosphere of Cheetham Hill: from fear/tension to hope and darkness to light.
- For Becky and Emily's fire alarm to be sorted!

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matt 5:14)

Our prayer is for God's light to shine in Cheetham Hill/Crumpsall